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Filing Date	February 16, 2001
First Named Inventor	Seiya Takahashi, et al.
Art Unit	1743
Examiner Name	Brian R. Gordon
Attorney Docket Number	14328

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
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ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply      iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)      iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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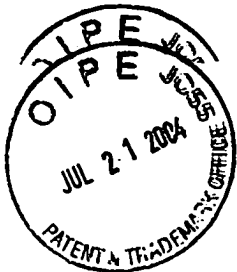
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**For:** LIQUID PIPETTING APPARATUS  
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**Confirmation No.:** 3787

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action dated February 19, 2004,

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in

light of the following amendments and remarks:

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